

papers that would show a basis for removal to this Court. This Notice of Removal is timely filed, as it is being filed within thirty days after service of a summons and Plaintiff's Original Petition upon Steadfast as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of all records and proceedings from Travis County, Texas, are attached hereto as exhibits. **Exhibit A** is Plaintiff's Original Petition. **Exhibit B** contains the remainder of the state court file. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Steadfast filed written notice of this removal with the Clerk of the Court of Travis County, Texas. A copy of this Notice of Removal and the written notice of the same also are being served upon Claypool.

EFFECTUATION OF REMOVAL

Removal is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441 because the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000 and the action is between citizens of different states. Steadfast thus hereby removes this action to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), as the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, is the district in which Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed.

WHEREFORE, Steadfast Insurance Company hereby removes this action to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

Dated: September 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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